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Ontario to axe health coverage for visiting students

BY TRAN LONGMOORE

WINDSOR (CUP) — Students from foreign countries at Ontario schools, already paying four to five times what Canadians pay in tuition, will face greater financial barriers when the province eliminates their access to health insurance.

Although the official announcement has not yet been made, Jane Stewart, spokesperson for the Ontario health ministry, said she expects the notice soon. By next September, visa students and temporary residents will have to purchase health insurance from private brokers, she said.

Health insurance "is meant for permanent Ontario residents," said Stewart. "The Social Contract has put us in a situation where we have to cut our costs, and this is one of the logical places to start."

Most Canadian provinces offer free health insurance to visiting students. But observers say Ontario could be the first of many provinces to cut this service.

Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories have all considered eliminating health coverage for visa students, said Cathie Sheeran, health insurance administrator at McGill.

"The other provinces are sitting back and they're waiting to see what Ontario does," Sheeran said. Québec is currently the only province which forces visiting students to pay for health insurance.

Sheeran said the new Ontario system will likely be modeled after the Québec system, in which universities must enroll all international students in a private insurance plan before they are allowed to register for classes.

The loss of provincial coverage will force the international students to buy health insurance from private brokers. One major insurance company has already contacted university presidents in hopes of cashing in on the decision. According to its brochure, visa students can purchase limited (basically emergency) coverage at prices ranging from \$635 to \$1,620 per year.

At McGill, where international students have always been forced to buy health insurance, a year's coverage costs \$440, or \$293.33 a semester.

According to health ministry figures it costs the Ontario government \$1450 a year to insure each of the province's 167 000 temporary residents, 27 000 of whom are post-

secondary students. By eliminating their health coverage, the province claims it will save close to \$250 million — approximately \$40 million on the students.

The provincial office of the Canadian Federation of Students has denounced the cuts. "This change will have devastating repercussions for international students who al-

ready face difficult financial barriers when studying in this country," said Emechete Onouha, CFS-Ontario Chair.

Onouha said the students are entitled to the same health care that permanent residents have.

Visiting undergraduate students in Ontario typically pay over \$8000 per year in tuition fees. A perma-

nent Canadian resident pays approximately \$2500 per year.

"The average visa student injects approximately \$20 000 per year into the economy. No one asks them if they are international students when they pay GST and PST. They should benefit from government programs like everyone else," Onouha said.

University administrators are

also concerned about the situation. The Council of Ontario Universities (COU), made up of Ontario university presidents, expressed its objection in a letter to the health minister.

—with additional reporting by Kristin Andrews

McGill: private health insurance forced on foreign students

BY KRISTIN ANDREWS

While Ontario students gear up to fight a proposal to force international students to buy private health insurance, visiting students in Québec have always had to pay extra for their coverage.

The plan is expensive, and often students are forced to buy private insurance in Québec on top of their insurance policies in their home countries.

Tom Brock, a visiting student at McGill from Duke University in North Carolina, is covered by Blue Cross Insurance in his own state. But he is also required to buy Blue Cross insurance through McGill.

That sets Brock back an extra \$293.33 during his one semester in Montréal. It's \$293 he wishes he doesn't think he should have to pay.

"For me to have two health plans at the same company is ridiculous. It's needless bureaucracy," said Brock.

Most provinces offer international students a provincial health care card upon registration. Québec is unique in requiring all CEGEPs and universities to provide visa students with a mandatory health care plan — at the students' expense.

The only Visa students who can opt out of the plan at McGill are those

whose parents work for an "international agency", according to Cathie Sheeran, who administers student health insurance for the dean of students.

The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Canadian International Development Agency have health insurance plans for employees' children which McGill is willing to recognize, Sheeran said.

But of the 1700 international students at McGill, only a handful fit this qualification.

Ten years ago, McGill allowed students to opt out of the plan if their insurance company covered them internationally. But many students found that while their insurance companies repaid them for expenses, they were not reimbursed at expensive Québec rates, she said.

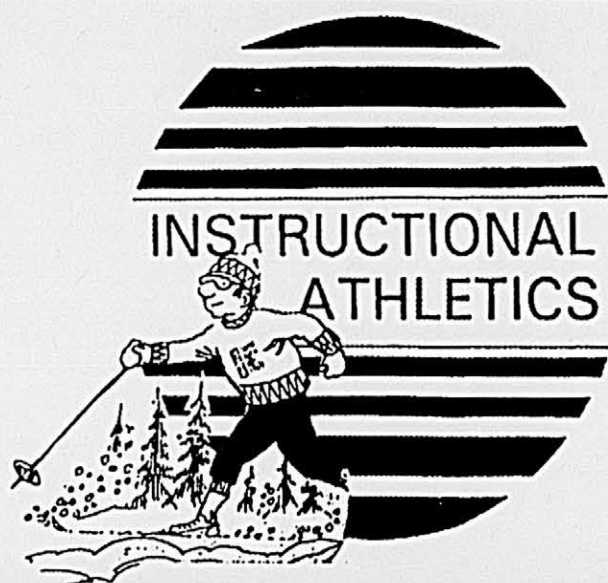
Sheeran admits that some students' insurance companies are willing to reimburse customers at Québec health care rates, or even more.

Visitors on student Visas can opt out of the Blue Cross policy if they manage to get a job and a permit to work from the Québec government. In that case, the students are covered by Québec medicare.

Ten years ago, working students at McGill won the right to provincial medicare by pressuring the Québec government, Sheeran said.



Protesters gathered outside the Mexican consulate at the corner of De Maisonneuve and Mansfield on Friday to demonstrate against the Mexican government's repression of indigenous people in southern Mexico. The demonstration started at about 12:00 pm and drew some 200 demonstrators. See this week's *Daily Français* for more information.



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McGill joins nation-wide business consortium

Some see move as first step to create conservative alternative to Canadian Federation of Students

BY G. BRUCE ROLSTON (TORONTO—CUP) AND
LIZ UNNA

A group of Canadian university student councils has formed a new business alliance that they say will unite the Canadian student market. The Canadian Campus Business Consortium (CCBC) may also be the first step towards a new national student organization.

McGill Students' Society voted to join the CCBC at last Thursday's council meeting. The initial start-up fee for membership is \$4700, and subsequent yearly dues are based on the student council's gross revenue and on membership.

Projects the CCBC might undertake include bulk paper-buying for all student councils across the country, or producing an advertising rate card for all student handbooks across the country to allow advertisers to sell nationally.

"The idea is that it's a program to engage in a number of business deals on an opt-in basis," said vp external Andrew Work, who attended a CCBC/Winds of Change conference in November. "We kind of got in at the last moment," he added.

Work justifies spending almost \$5000 of Students' Society money on future savings. According to Work, a profit will be made with the publication of next year's handbook. "Student handbooks will be the first thing we'll look at," he said. "Schools ordering their handbooks with the same company will get a better deal because they're placing a bigger order."

Also involved in the CCBC are the student unions of Western, Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier, Manitoba, Queen's, UBC, Toronto, Dalhousie, and the University of Alberta.

The cross-Canada group is for business purposes only, stressed Work and other student executives.

"This is totally a business initiative. The initiative isn't political," said University of Dalhousie student council president Jefferson Rappell. "We're just talking about adding everything together that students do. You can do it a lot cheaper."

But University of Toronto student councillor Merry-LN Unan said the CCBC's founding conference also discussed forming a parallel political organization, to rival the existing Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

"There are schools that were not happy with CFS. We were looking at the idea of what the perfect national organization would be," said Unan. None of the student unions involved, with the exception of Dalhousie, are members of CFS.

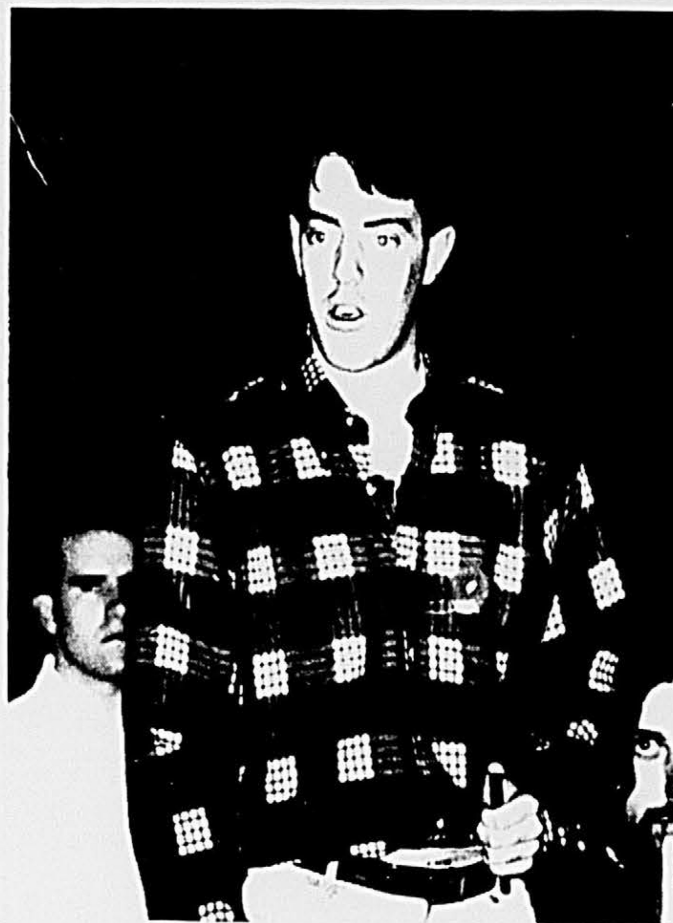
"They are looking for something to fill that void in their schools," said Rappell.

Presently, McGill's Students' Society is not a member of any student organization. Two years ago it was a member of the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire du Québec. McGill's Post Graduate Students' Society, however, is a member of CFS.

Carl Gillis, chair of the CFS, said he had not heard of the Canadian Campus Business Consortium or its possible political offshoot.

He said he was not sure whether such a group would pose a threat to CFS, either in the business or political fields.

"To be honest, I haven't heard too much about it," said Gillis. "I'd have to see exactly what they want to do."



DAILY PHOTO BY JEFF CORMIER

Vp external Andrew Work, describing the Canadian Campus Business Consortium conference in Edmonton: "The corporate butt-kissing had already begun. Molson and Labatt gave us their boxes at the hockey game."

STUDENTS' SOCIETY BRIEFS



Executives of the Student Society of McGill University

The Students' Society of McGill University, which represents undergraduate students at McGill, met last Thursday to discuss business. Students' Society council meets every second Thursday in the Union Building. Phone 398-6800 for more information.

Commerce Communiqué guidelines

The executive of the Management Undergraduate Society (MUS) has drafted editorial guidelines for future issues of the Commerce Communiqué, the Management faculty's 'humorous' publication. The last issue of the Communiqué was condemned by the Students' Society for its sexist content, as were issues in past years.

Mitch Costom, MUS Rep. to Students' Society, distributed the editorial guidelines at the Students' Society council meeting of December 2. The Communiqué must have an editorial board of at least three people, in addition to an Editor-in-Chief, all appointed by the MUS.

"If the Editor-in-Chief is a male, the Editorial Board must have a majority of females," reads the guideline.

Furthermore, the content of the issue must be approved by the MUS executive before it goes to print.

Costom also notified council that the MUS constitution will be amended to include a non-discrimination clause.

Redpath Hall to remain concert hall

Students' Society voted at last Thursday's council meeting to recognize the music faculty's right to use Redpath Hall.

The hall was donated to McGill in 1893 for the purpose of undergraduate study. In 1953, Redpath Reading Hall was closed and is now used by the music faculty for concerts and recitals.

To respond to the current shortage of library space on campus, Lopo Chambilmaud, a McGill student, has been circulating a petition to reopen Redpath Hall and turn it into a reading room during the exam period.

Students' Society voted, however, to leave Redpath hall in the hands of the music faculty and seek alternate study space elsewhere. Vp university affairs Ruth Promislow suggested investigating whether the cafeteria could be used as a study room at night and during weekends.

— by Liz Unna

GRAD BRIEFS

The Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) represents graduate students at McGill. The PGSS council meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the basement of Thomson House at 18h.

Wanting women in power

Women and men must be represented equally on all committees of the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS), Council decided last Wednesday. The motion for gender parity was proposed by an ad-hoc committee on electoral reform.

"We need to bring women into this organization at the committee level," said Jason Prince, urban planning representative to Council.

While women make up 42 per cent of the grad student population, they have historically been under-represented on PGSS Council, and even further under-represented on Council committees. Last Wednesday's Council meeting was attended by twice as many men as women.

Because the motion to enforce gender parity on committees requires an amendment to the PGSS constitution, the motion must be passed again in Council next month. The question will then go to a referendum.

Taking the reins on hiring

Council voted to change the way they hire support staff, giving council more say in the hiring process.

Until now, PGSS has hired a general manager who is then expected to select support personnel. The motion passed by Council last Wednesday would create a hiring committee to screen candidates for open positions. The committee would be composed of two representatives of PGSS and two members of the staff union.

Hush hush ballots

Council may decide that the breakdown of votes in PGSS elections would be kept secret unless all candidates agree to disclose the results. At this point, all election results are public.

The motion to keep the voting results quiet came from the ad-hoc committee on electoral reform. A tired Council moved to table the question until the next meeting in February.

— by Kristin Andrews

COMMENT

Living in the Shadow of the Middle Class — or — Me and my future, a tale of white angst

So here I am. A white anglo-saxon straight male from Ontario. I'm in university but I'm not sure why. I used to think it was because I wanted to take in new ideas and change the world with my unique synthesis of them. I think I gave up on that in first year.

My mother was thrilled that I'd decided to go to McGill because of the status element — and I agreed with her at the time. Big name, big city, big future. Big deal, I think now.

White picket fence, wife, 2.4 kids, two cars and little white dog named "Binky" by the time I hit thirty. I look at my lack of real skills and my do-nothing BA and I think I'll be lucky to have a roof overhead, a chair and a bed and a room without a view, as the song goes. And all that by twenty-five, let alone thirty, if current trends hold true.

In the face of all those patent middle-class expectations I find myself alternately running away from my parents' hard-won status, and craving their security and financial freedom to do or have almost anything.

"If I can't have it, I don't want it." So goes the goading of toddlers over Lego bricks and day-glo dolls. Maybe that's why I fear upper middle-class existence — maybe I fear trying to attain it and failing, like Sisyphus getting creamed by the goddamn boulder.

In the grand old days of feudalism and empire, position in society was pretty much predetermined. Future fools and tyrants were born into positions of power as often as the just and able. Blood ran thicker than brains in those days.

We have fewer such certainties in this liberal age. Sure, wealth and power tend to pass from generation to generation, and poverty and disadvantage do the same. But many, if not most people have to reinvent the wheel every generation.

I can't help thinking — why has my father spent his entire thirty-year working life accumulating more money than he really needs, if not for the benefit of his progeny (namely me)? Or should I have to spend the first half of my working life climbing up the greasy pole, only to inherit his riches when I'm too old to care?

So that's why I've decided to do the ol' tried and true Jan Pallasch routine; find a good cause, douse myself in butane and smoke that last sweet smoke into white-ass oblivion: suburbia.

Zack Taylor



The uprising is defeated. The socialist executive of the Soviet disarms the workers with the help of the hated Cossacks. Bolsheviks are attacked.

HYDE PARK

Where does it leave people

An opinion by Anna Martinez

The former Yugoslavia, a country that for so long held within, living virtually side by side, Muslims, Croats and Serbs, is now a war zone, fighting because of tensions started long ago between these groups; fighting for what began as justice for rights among each individual group; that now has become what seems to be the thirst for an on going war.

The solution, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien recently said, is no easy one. How can it be? Canadian peace keeping troops are there, in Srebrenica (Eastern Bosnia), to uphold the peace with no way out.

Serbian troops are actually blocking their departure because they won't approve other UN replacements such as the Swedish troops or the Dutch troops to come in.

Where does this leave the world who is looking on, watching families being torn apart, not only by the bloodshed, but by the starvation and the lack of shelter? It leaves the world, it seems, in Brussels where the NATO summit was held on Tuesday, January 11.

The topic of discussion was the use of air strikes in Srebrenica as a threat against the Serbs. Not exactly a diplomatic way to solve a problem, but one that may ameliorate the situation.

When the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation first presented the "air strike solution" Canada took a strong stand against it. An air strike would harm Canadian peace keeping troops. Their loss would not justify the solution.

Now, four months later the situation has changed. Attempts that have been made for peace have not followed through.

Lately, Canada's stand has been a rocky one. First Chrétien hinted at pulling out Canadian troops, setting up a parliamentary debate on peace keeping if necessary, only to say later that he would approve a more prominent role for NATO but not risk the safety of Canadian

troops. At the recent summit he and Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet began by opposing the use of air strikes, but ended by agreeing to them on the condition that they only be used as a last resort and that Canada have veto power.

At the same time the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, Radovan Karadzic said that these talks of NATO air strikes could harm the result of the peace negotiations taking place this Tuesday in Geneva.

For those living in the war-torn former Yugoslavia this fight has been going on forever. Will an air strike help them or kill them?

For those 150 Canadian peace keepers, will an air strike compromise their humanitarian aid efforts and kill them, or relieve them of their post, to be filled by other troops?

Sitting somewhere outside the situation doesn't answer the questions. Coming up with last resort solutions doesn't end the war for each Serbian, Muslim and Croatian individual. Fighting at all doesn't solve the problem.

So where does this leave all those living in Sarajevo, Srebrenica, in the former Yugoslavia? In the hands of the UN Secretary General? In the hands of those involved in the peace talks in Geneva? Perhaps. But where does it really leave those starving, homeless and already dead!

LETTERS

Tabloid tactics

To The Daily:

Nosing through the Wednesday, January 12 issue of your paper, I opened to the third page and found my attention drawn to the picture at the top. Intrigued, I proceeded to read the article. After finishing, I found myself wondering what the photograph had to do with the text.

The picture, in its presentation, is purely exhibitionist as it in no way illustrates the material presented in the article. I expect that there will probably be many responses written to this letter so that I may be "educated".

I will probably be called a moralist, as well as an unenlightened soul who holds values that went out of date during the Dark Ages. However, I do not understand the significance of showing

four pregnant women completely naked.

It appears that the picture has been used purely to draw attention: a technique that the *Daily* has apparently adopted from the supermarket tabloids. I sincerely hope that the next issue will not feature a centerfold showing how these women became pregnant.

Todd Anvick
B. Mus. U1

Disgruntled sheep

To The Daily:

Let me commend you on the fine publication you produced on January 12th, 1994. I was overwhelmed when I noticed the giggling sheep on the front page, four naked pregnant women on the third page, followed by the goat in a suit telling me where my tuition goes.

I think that all newspapers in the future should model themselves after your phenomenal example of journalism. I must say that it is a good thing that the aforementioned tuition breakdown did not mention how much of my money goes to the *McGill Daily*. For if I knew, I would probably stop attending this institution in an attempt to stem the flow of drivel coming out of your office.

On the bright side I have found a use for the trash that you publish. I find that it makes a nice liner for my bird cage, and acceptable toilet paper. I would like to make a request for the future. The next time you print your "work", would you mind doing it on 2-ply paper.

Sincerely,

Douglas Sharp
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Stoney Point people take land back

By Chris Sheridan

"There's one!" Monica says excitedly, pointing to my right. I peer out the frost-covered car window and see a couple of abandoned trailers organized together in the distance.

Eight months ago a number of aboriginal people, of Chippewa descent, reinhabited this 2650-acre segment of land. The territory runs along the south-east side of Lake Huron near Ipperwash Provincial Park. In 1942, the Canadian government seized the land, under the War Measures Act, to build a military base. It is now used as a summer training camp for cadets.

The military calls the land Camp Ipperwash. The aboriginal people call it Stoney Point.

For the past decade, requests from the people of Stoney Point to the federal government asking for their land back have produced no results. Now, the Stoney Point people have taken matters into their own hands.

"There's another!" Monica says, pointing again to a second group of trailers. A trickle of smoke swirls into the blue sky from a small metal pipe jutting out of one of the trailers. At the side of the trailer stands a makeshift wooden flagpole with a symbol of the real Canada flapping on top.

It looks like a typical Canadian flag but over the maple leaf sits an aboriginal warrior. Most of the encampments we spot have this flag. As we pass the rifle range, I notice large wooden boards have been placed in a line across every target. Letters on each board spell out 'STONEY POINT.' As our car speeds along Highway 21, I feel a sense of excitement.

Monica, a member of a London, Ontario group known as the Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with the Native Peoples (CASNP), and I have come to visit those who chose to stay on Stoney Point for the chilly winter months. Most people returned to their permanent homes on the nearby Kettle Point reserve.

Clifford George, one of the oldest Stoney Point members, stands outside his small wooden home only a stone's throw from the shooting range. He has a warm smile and a calm manner about him. He shuffles into his house as we pull through a gap in the fence, pried open to allow vehicles to move freely on and off the land.

Outside his home, Clifford has placed a sign with a plastic wreath around it. The cardboard memorial lists all the Stoney Point band members who fought in World War II and the Korean War. He is a veteran of both.

Clifford is one of the only elders who can remember Stoney Point before the army came. In 1945, he returned from World War II to find his home destroyed and his people re-located. He often tells of how his aunt refused to get out of her rocking chair on her porch when the army confiscated the land. She, like so many others, was dragged off the territory. Now, these memories of resistance keep Clifford at the forefront of the struggle.

We step inside his humble establishment, built on the same spot his

mother's home once occupied. He has constructed a room from chipwood branching from his small trailer. In one corner, a cast-iron woodstove fills the room with an enormous amount of heat and a beautiful smell of burning wood.

Clifford sits at a table next to the stove while Monica and I recline opposite him on a small couch. Content fills his face and it is obvious there is no place in the world Clifford would rather be. There is no hydro, no electricity, and no running water but this jovial grandfatherly man doesn't seem to care. This is just like the old days, he tells us, in a re-affirming tone.

Most of the food he and the others receive comes from local donations and friends. There has been significant outside support for the Stoney Point people. The extension to Clifford's trailer was funded by a union in Windsor. Other native bands, like the Caldwell band in Southern Ontario and the Innu of Nitassinan (Labrador), have been both financially and vocally supportive.

We begin talking about the past few months.

Since moving onto the land, the aboriginal people have had their share of harassment. Over the course of the occupation, the army has flown its helicopters dangerously close to the various camps. At one point, Clifford tells us, children came running out of the forest screaming, "They're going to kill us," after a military helicopter

circled the camp at less than 100 feet above.

Now, the local Board of Education has forced its buses to stop driving by the Stoney Point land via Highway 21. This means the Stoney Point children must walk several kilometres out of their way, just to catch the school bus. The board justifies the redirection of the routes under the pretense that the Stoney Point people are dangerous. It is clear however, as I sit and listen to Clifford's soothing voice fill the warm interior of his home, rumours of violence at Stoney Point are fabricated.

According to Clifford, the only people who have tried to promote violent conflict have been the RCMP, the military, and a handful of local residents. Clifford, like so many other Stoney Point inhabitants, refuses to pick up arms in defence, despite offers to do so from more militant groups like the American Indian Movement. Clifford says his years fighting overseas showed him, "War never solves nothin'."

The real battle will take place this month when the Stoney Point claim is heard by a federal court. Stoney Point's lawyer is confident the government will see it their way.

Whether the court rules in their favour or not, the people of Stoney Point have already made their decision on who owns the land. Clifford, like the 500 other Stoney Point people, knows he is in the place the government or the military can never take away — he is home.

Students happy with degrees, survey says

Initial results from a 1992 Statistics Canada survey of recent Canadian university grads indicates that they seem satisfied with their education.

Responses were ranked from zero (very dissatisfied) to three (very satisfied) according to major fields of study. For instance, the satisfaction with class sizes for students in humanities and arts scored a 2.26 out of three, about average for the programs surveyed.

The rating for how well universities prepared graduates for jobs was somewhat lower, with scores ranging from 1.81 in the social sciences to 2.25 in engineering and applied sciences.

— the Charlatan, Carleton University, Ottawa

StatsCan survey results sketch a rosy picture

The final question of the Statistics Canada survey of nineties bachelors' degree recipients asked: "Would you have gone to the same school or institution?"

The responses are listed by university type, the programs the graduates took and the percentage of "yes" responses.

Type of university	%
Total (all universities)	79.8
Primarily undergraduate	79.2
Medical/doctoral	80.6
Comprehensive	78.6

Major field of study	%
Agriculture & biological sciences	77.2
Commerce, management & administration	81.6
Engineering & applied science	83.2
Fine & applied arts	70.8
General arts & science	82.7
Health professions	83.5
Humanities	80.4
Mathematics & physical sciences	82.3
Social Sciences	76.7

New face of government poses challenge for lobby groups

BY KRISTEN BOON

Special interest groups lobbying at the federal level are finding themselves in a very unfamiliar situation: they have more in common with the government than they do with the opposition parties.

Since the Liberal government came to power last November, the political landscape for Non Governmental Organizations (NGO's) and other lobby groups has radically changed.

"For the first time in my working career in Ottawa, I know more people in government than in opposition," said Elizabeth May, president of the Sierra Club, an environmental lobby group based in Ottawa.

During the eight years of Conservative rule, social interest groups developed strong working relationships with the Liberal opposition. Many of the old contacts are now in key government positions, a beneficial situation for NGOs.

This positive start however may not last when the realities of government rule come into play.

"The nature of the relationship is going to change. Now that the Liberals are in power, they will have restraints that they didn't have when they were opposition. We may have to develop new allies," said Hugette Léger, from the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Developing these contacts with the new opposition parties is a priority for NGOs, however the uncharted waters of Bloc and Reform politics are a treacherous place.

"What we are dealing with is a very different parliament. This means that NGOs must establish linkages with opposition groups that weren't on the scene before," said Cheryl Boon, Executive Director of National Association of Women and the Law.

While most lobbyists agree that it is still too early to judge how supportive the opposition parties will be, so far the Bloc and Reform have been unsympathetic to NGO concerns.

The Reform Party's conservative ideology is even more worrisome for grass-roots organizations. Their election campaign included plans to cut social assistance, and substantially reduce funding for public interest groups.

"The Reform and Bloc haven't shown any signs by their mandate to represent interest groups," said Léger.

The Bloc stance on national social issues is the most puzzling.

"The Bloc is a big question

mark. Apart from the official agenda, there are different signals coming out. Bouchard was a Minister with the Conservatives and he was on the Planning and Priorities Committee when cuts to social programs were made. In the newspapers however, Bouchard is go-

ing more to the left. It is really hard to say," said François Dumaine, the Assistant Director of the National Anti-Poverty Association.

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"With political issues, from what we have heard, we don't agree with a lot of their [Reform] approaches to social programs. It is dangerous to just count on them as a voice of opposition," said Dumaine.

Filling the gap left by unsympathetic opposition parties is requiring new strategies from NGOs. Many are looking to the media, rather than the opposition, as a forum to raise issues of concern.

"What it means is that we have to change the way we work, change our relationships including our workload, establish links with people in parliament, and play a stronger role in the media," said Boon.

Kinder, gentler caffeine

BY DAN ROBINS

The Alley hosted a chat about coffee and imperialism last Thursday, drawing a sparse but engaged crowd of listeners.

The McGill branch of the Québec Public Interest Research Group (Q-PIRG) brought in Pina Gianneschi, a marketing manager for Bridgehead Canada, to speak about Bridgehead's attempts to deal more fairly with the world's coffee-producers.

Coffee duked it out with soya to be the world's second most important commodity (next to oil), and in Canada it's a \$63 million trade annually. Dozens of the world's poorest countries depend on coffee for what little income they are able to bring in.

But the trade is controlled by a host of transnationals (three control over 70 per cent of the trade to the U.S., for instance), who suck most of the profits out of the countries where the coffee is actually produced. Plantation workers are paid next to nothing, especially after the collapse in world coffee prices in the '80s.

Also, the process can be very harmful to the environment. Coffee beans come inside small fruits, which in corporate mass-production are just sloughed off and turned into waste.

The producer groups Bridgehead deals with, on the other hand, are locally based and thus have a stake in their communities. They often have close ties with local workers' and women's organizations.

A producer-group that Bridgehead works with in Mexico (near the Chiapas region) has set up a technical school to teach coffee-growers from all over the world how to process coffee, from the tree to the bag, so that a larger share of the profits remain in country.



If you're gonna buy coffee, it might as well be Bridgehead. The Onion cafeteria sells it. Or call Concordia PIRG for details, on 848-7585.

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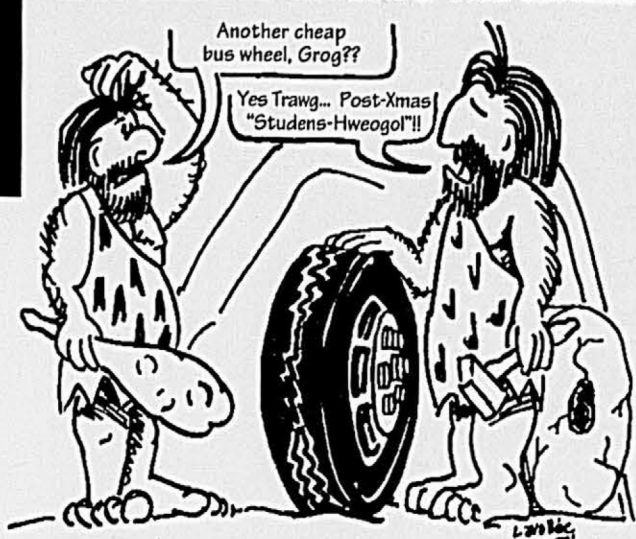
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(one position), Layout and
Design co-ordinator (one
position) and Sports editor
(one position)**

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EVENTS

The Québec Board of Black Educators is accepting submissions (prose and poetry) for **Black History Month Writers' Project**. Themes are 'The Black Experience and Why a Chair in Black Canadian Studies?' Deadline is Feb. 7, 1994. Call 937-0365 for info.

Pugwash! Come one come all tonight at 19h in Burnside Hall 305. Tonight: the CBC documentary "Playing God", an examination of genetic research in the light of its history. To be followed by the usual raucous discussion.

The McGill Review of

Interdisciplinary Arts is accepting undergraduate papers for its first issue until Friday, Jan 21. Eligible academic papers must be interdisciplinary in subject matter. Please submit the paper in duplicate along with two copies of a brief statement explaining how your submission is interdisciplinary. Include your name and number, and drop the paper(s) off at the Leacock porter's office. Call Mitra at 844-4907 or Gibran at 982-5009 for more info.

Deadline for submission for the **McGill Journal of Political Science** is Jan. 21.

Deadline for submission

for **Latitudes**, the McGill Journal of Developing Area Studies, is Jan. 27.

Orders for the **McGill Food Co-op** can be made today between 1h30 and 17h in rm. 515 in the Eaton building. Call 398-7432 for more info.

Political Science Students' Association presents a **Grad School Seminar** on Jan. 19 in Leacock 429 from 12h30 to 14h30.

Peacekeeper at War - a personal view of the Gulf War, a film by Martin Duckworth will be shown on Jan. 18 at

19h30 in Leacock 132. Followed by panel discussion. Organized by the NFB, Q-PIRG and the Peace Network of Greater Montreal.

The ASA will be holding a General Assembly on Wednesday at 14h30 in Shatner 107.

The **McGill Co-ed Medical Fraternity** is holding its annual General Assembly today at 19h in Leacock 132. All members should attend; all other students are welcome.

Alcohol Awareness Week begins today! Take part

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